

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 19, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 4 is canceled; as a result, claims 2, 5, 9, 24-27 and 31-36 are now pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uzoh (U.S. 6,180,505) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art. Applicant has deleted claim 4 and this ground for rejection is therefore mooted.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edelstein et al. (U.S. 6,457,234) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art. Applicant has deleted claim 4 and this ground for rejection is therefore mooted.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagasaka et al. (U.S. 5,308,686) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art. Applicant has deleted claim 4 and this ground for rejection is therefore mooted.

In view of the rejection, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office's characterization of the statement at page 7, lines 8-10, of what is admitted prior art. Applicant considers the statement to mean that "deposition ... [is] known in the art" not that the limitations of claim 4 were known in the art. To expedite prosecution of this application, however, Applicant has cancelled claim 4 in favor of optionally filing a Continuation Application to prosecute claim 4 at a later time.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 5, 24-27 and 31-36 were allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, John Greaves at (801) 278-9171, or the below signed attorney to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743

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